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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN NATIONALS MISSING IN INDOCHINA

REF: OTTAWA 1926 (BEING REPEATED TO JCRC AND SAIGON)

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR FRASER AUG. 13 SENT DEPTOFF (D/PW) INFO ON RICHARD ADAM MARTIN (REPEATED BELOW). DEPTOFF TOLD FRASER USG WAS CENTRALIZING SEARCH EFFORTS IN JCRC AND EMBASSY BANGKOK AND RECOMMENDED CANADIANS HANDLE SUBJECT THERE IN FUTURE.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFO ON MARTIN AS RECEIVED. BEGIN TEXT. RICHARD ADAM MARTIN (ALSO KNOWN AS ROLF SHMOLL), DISAPPEARED IN CAMBODIA AND NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED ON HIS FATE OR WHEREABOUTS. DESCRIBING HIMSELF
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AS A JOURNALIST, HE WAS TRAVELING IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

HE LEFT HIS HOTEL IN PHNOM PENH ON APRIL 16, 1970 SAYING THAT HE WAS GOING ON A NEWS MISSION TO THE KAMPOT REGION ON THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. HE WAS TRAVELING BY CAR WITH A FRENCH PROFESSOR, ETIENNE MICHEL, AND A SWISS PHOTOGRAPHER, WILLI METTLER. INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED AT A LATER DATE VIA THE WIFE OF M. MICHEL THAT THE CAR CARRYING THESE MEN WAS FOUND ABANDONED WITHOUT A SCRATCH ON MAY 24 AT PHNOM ISEA, 13 KMS. FROM KAMPOT IN A VC/NVC CAMP. THERE WERE WOUNDED CAMBODIAN OFFICERS IN THIS CAMP. FOLLOWING IS A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF MR. MARTIN AS OBTAINED FROM HIS PASSPORT APPLICATION: DATE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 27 JUN 2013]; HEIGHT: 5'9"; WEIGHT: 168 LBS.; BROWN HAIR; BROWN EYES; NO IDENTIFYING MARKS. END TEXT.

3. PHOTO OF MARTIN BEING POUCHED TO JCRC BY DEFENSE CHANNELS.

4. FOR OTTAWA: SUGGEST YOU RECOMMEND TO GOC THAT THEY FOLLOW UP ON TURNER AND OTHER MISSING CANADIANS ALSO THROUGH CANADIAN EMBASSY BANGKOK. ROGERS

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